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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

#### FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
   Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$117.
  - \$117 for 13 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 552.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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Attention: Box Missing Parts

# RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) mailed February 19, 2002 (a copy of which is enclosed), Applicant as a small entity submits herewith the following:

Payment of the basic filing fee of \$370.00;

Payment of the additional/multiple dependent claims fees of 117.00;

A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63; and

Payment of the surcharge of \$65.00 for late filing of the basic filing fee and declaration.

It is understood that this perfects the application and no additional papers or filing fees are required. Please apply the instant filing fees, in the amount of \$552.00, and any other charges or any credits, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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